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Dear Mary,

Glad to hear Buck has improved so much! I assume from your mention of surgery that you came through it well. Hope so!

Thanks for the copy of your letter to Hach. I've heard nothing from him. And the way things now are I've forgotten what he wrote and what I did!

I want to correct you on one thing, that Stone" is making a fictionalised version of" the JFK assassination. That is his current story. It is not how he began and he did not change his ever-sought propaganda until after he knew of Lardner's story.

He began his real campaign with the release of "Doors" and then and later he said that his movie will record "History," and that it will tell the people, his repeated word, who killed their President, why and how.

He can't withdraw that now. He is trying to, of course, and pretending he never said what he did say. He did say it and it says non-fiction.

Were it fiction he might have a legit claim that criticism await the showing. But he can't claim to be making history into a movie and then at the same time demand that his monkeying with truth and history be immune.

If I did not say it in what I sent you, I warned Stone 2/11/91 that Garrison's was a false, a knowingly dishonest book, but that did not lead him to base his concocting of his account of out history on any other book and Garrs' is an atrocity, very hurtful in its absurdities and wrongnesses. Stone's basis, whatever else he says, is these two.

With $35-40 million he paid big-name stars well to do bit parts so he could trade on their reputations and he has done this repeatedly. And he desfrives the nuts with whom he is dealing as respected critics. Some of whom boast of never having read a book! In even his sets he restores them to "history." For fiction?Or to make fiction?

We are both about as well as we can hope. Lil was in a wheelchair for a while and when I got so much benefit from physical therapy she went to the orthopaedist who arranged it for me, found out what her trouble really is, and this therapy was so effective for her in two weeks she was out of the wheelcahir and in two more weeks needed neither walker nor cane. The problems I had I still have and I make out OK.So, for our age, not too bad.

We do hope both of you progress weal. Our best,

Harold

OOPs! In three days I forgot you wrote me and enclosed your letter to Paul!...I'm sorry the suspcicion that we are friends led to criticsm of you....The Garrison actuality is I think worse than you can know. You do not know the details of my exposure of what he was up to of which Boxley was the victim. I've gotten out what recofds if have of that painful job and the report I handed Sciambra that he used to keep Jim from charging the

dear perrin and the live and innoxent Bradley is quite specific in stating that it was apparent that what Boxley did was feed back to Jim what he knew Jim wanted. So, Jim called him a CIA agent. Truth is Jim insisted on hiring him, over staff objections....On those CIA records on the critics and writers, if and when you can I'd appreciate a set of copies because I do not know that I have them. The CIA cooked up a scheme for not complying with my FOI A requests and Lesar did not sue over that for me.

Russell Long in the movie: Garrison even made that up to hide what actually got him started toward the end of 1966. Long told a reporter I know.

Stone's final cript: I've made no effort to get a copy but I have spoken to someone who has the first and the sixth versions and he says the changes are few and designed to eliminate the utterly ridiculous that had been exposed as such. (won't give me a copy.)

On Bradley, the above is not all I did. He came here, I gave him what he wanted, helped him in any way I could, and then drove him 50 miles to Baltimore, or 100 miles, and the next thing I knew he was badmouthing me in California.

On Garrison being misled by his staff on Bradley, the truth is the opposite and I have staff memos on that. And when the staff was fighting the utter irrationality with which Jim was going to commemorate the 5th anniversary, the one of the many he clung to was Bradley. He did give up on the others!

There can't be any truth in what Bradley quotes Garrison as saying, that Stone titled Garrizon's book. Jim was fast and loose with truth and remains that way.

If he really told Bradley what Bradley said he did, about his being so interesting a person, etc., he was lying. Not at all what he'd been saying.

I often wonder if now, whether or not in those days, Garrison has any knowledge of what is real. He made up so much that he seemed to believe when he made it up, can he now distinguish?